

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0023].

[0023.1] Figure 7 is a schematic diagram of a five-element stack, with an optional signal phase delay element, such as an inductor, for example, in a further embodiment of the invention.

Please add the following new paragraph after [0036].

[0036.1] Figure 7 is a circuit diagram of an alternative embodiment of the present invention, in which the apparatus may include signal phase delay elements, such as inductors (171, 172, 173, 174, and 175), for example, provided between the rectification bridges (160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, and 169) and the capacitors (131, 132, 133, 134, and 135). This alternative embodiment may be useful in adjusting the phase of the energy from each element in the stack and may aid in preventing the output of one element from canceling a portion of the output from another element.